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### "Look What Uncle John Gave Me For Christmas"

Faculty Homes Littered With New Presents As Yuletide Season Draws To a Close

The political and student disturbances proved no serious damper to Christmas activities on the campus, as students and faculty sat around Christmas trees and turkey-ed tables, chatting and laughing. Bustards, as on Thanksgiving Day, pinched-hit for turkeys on some of the Christmas meal platters.

The Ninde Candle-light Service formally opened the Christmas celebrations, when more than 200 people squeezed into Ninde Hall on Tuesday evening, the day before Christmas. The faculty and the student choirs led the singing of carols. On Christmas Eve, the Meads, Wilsons, and Mr. Bevan made the rounds of the different compounds with their carols.

Early next morning, faculty children, including very-much grownup ones, jumped out of their beds, raced into the living room, raised "whoops" as they searched for their presents under their Christmas trees.

Then came the breakfast. Most people ate little then, saving space for the impending Christmas dinner. It was a clear, though cold, morning as many started out after breakfast to "Merry Christmas" all their friends.

The dinner saw kiddies, students and faculty members howling for the drumsticks, with the carver admonishing them that it wasn't a spider he was working on. Between the turkey and dessert, in some homes, the diners somersaulted over beds, slid down bannisters, and "kibitzed" in other fashions to make space for the last course.

More calling, spiced with some skating, and the afternoon was at an end.

For supper, there was soup. slices of cold-turkey, left-over icecream, nuts, marshmallows, games -anything except the full coursed dinner that had been gone through the noon before.

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Yesterday, even the remnants of the turkey et al had been worked through, and so ended the Christmas season, as far as food was concerned. As for presents, kiddies are still showing play-mates their new skattes, knives, horns, and drums.

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WAR TOMORROW: WILL WE KEEP OUT?

by the staff of the Foreign Policy Association, New York.

The Foreign Policy Association, always reliable in its facts and liberal in its interpretations, has just begun to issue a new series of small books, popular in tone but dispassionate and scientific in spirit, called "Headline Books." The first of these, issued last month, is called War Tomorrow; Will We Keep Out? It is written by the staff,—including no doubt the cooperation of our former Professor Bisson, -and edited by Ryllis Alexander Goslin.

This book is a very tiny one, hardly more than pamphlet size, attractively printed and easy to read. It is meant principally for Americans; but for anyone who has not yet begun to dig into pacifist or anti-war literature, of no matter what nationality, War Tomorrow is excellent introductory reading.

The tone of the book is quiet and restrained, in the fire-side chat manner. There is no appeal to the emotions, but a devastatingly simple review of the futility of the world war. The book is largely taken up with the economic causes of war, and closes with a statement of the principles of the Nye neutrality program.

The charts, with which the little book is replete, are very clear and telling. For instance there is one which shows graphically that the total cost of the world war to the United States has been equal to all the following social expenses combined: all the churches, the total cost of education for five years, all the surfaced roads, all the medical care for five years, and the total fire losses for twenty years. When it is considered that the United States was in the war for only a year and a half and that the war costs are still continuing, both directly and indirectly, the social and economic losses are easily evaluated. It is shown with equal clarity how preparedness, with a large army, navy and air-force, is also more of a cause for war than a protection against it, at least for the United States.

The book can be read through in an hour by anyone; and its viewpoint, even though disagreed with, is well worth considering. We should look eagerly for subsequent issues of the "Headline Books" series. R.H.R.

### Students Vote Against Resumption Of Classes

Yenching Vetoes "Walk-To-Nanking" Proposal; Meeting Almost Ends With Free-for-all Fight

A near-riot marked the student meeting Tuesday night in Bashford immediately following a vigorous proposal that classes in Yenching be resumed, in view of the fact that classes need not interfere with activities now carried on, and that students are losing interest in the protracted strike. Order was soon re.tored by the student gendarmes. The proposal was voted down.

The meeting started with a discussion on the proposal made by the Executive Committee of the Peiping Student Union, that Peiping schools send a delegation to Nanking to petition the Central Government. The proposal suggested that the delegation walk to Nanking, not travel there by rail. After a heated discussion, many expounding the impossibility of the task, others exclaiming that they were not afraid to die for a national cause, the move was voted down by a two-thirds majority.

Twenty-eight Tsinghua students left yesterday for Nanking on bicycles, it was reported by reliable sources. Peking University has also passed a resolution to send a delegation to Nanking, but the starting date has not yet been settled.

Miss Ch'en Lan-tzu, who was confined to the Women's Dispensary following the second demonstration due to injuries received in a melee with police, recovered sufficiently by yesterday to return to her dormitory.

Discussion groups have invited Dr. Yen Ching-yueh to speak on "Conditions in Soviet Russia", Gideon Ch'en on "Conditions in Japan", and William Hung on Sino-Japanese Relations.

### Yenta Calendar

Today Friday, Dec. 27

6:00 p.m. Folk Dancing

8:00 p.m. Victrola Concert

Boyd Gamble Hall

Sunday, Dec. 29

8:00 a.m. Sheng Kung Hui Holy Continunion (English) 9:00 a.m. Gospel Service

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Preacher: Dr. P. C. Hsii

Subject: "Rural Work and Students' Movement"

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Preacher: Mr. Y. H. Hai 6:30 p.m. English Vespers Service

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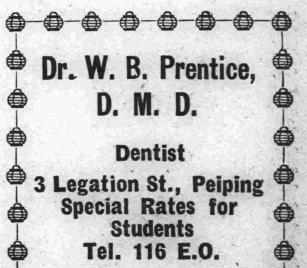
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#### Language Students Spending Part of Holidays in Yenta

Miss Eunice Smith and Miss Edna Hutchison, students this year in the College of Chinese Studies in Peiping, are spending a part of their Christmas holidays as house guests of Miss Mary Musgrove, director of physical education for women. Miss Smith is a Methodist missionary who will later be stationed in Foochow, and Miss Hutchinson is connected with Yale-in-China at Changsha as a nurse.



### The Yenching News

English Section of the Yenching Hsin Wen, (燕京新聞) laboratory publication of the Department of Journalism of Yenching University. Peiping, China.

Published twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays.

### The Annotator

From one point of view the most depressing spot on earth for me is a library. One sees so many books which would make great reading, far more than one could hope to get read even if one could give all one's time to it. The sight at times has the effect upon me of producing despair rather than greater stimulus to more reading.

#### One Could Envy the Great Emperor

The mood created by a large second-hand bookstore is far worse. What tons and tons of stuff has been put between covers which doubtless might just as well never have been written! One doesn't wonder at the price the publishers have to charge for their volumes, when observing their "junk piles". It might be a good thing all round if the world had a periodic anniversary of Ch'in Shih Huang Ti's var lalism, commemorating it by another burning of the books——the purge to be directed of course by an academy of some kind in each country.

One never knows, of course. Consequently, book publishers are perforce the biggest gamblers on earth. Who could have foreseen that Lin Yutang's "My Country and My People" would run into extra editions in the United States, staying week after week among the list of best sellers. That fact is not only a compliment to his acumen and style; it is also a most interesting revelation of American interest in China.

#### Proofing Error on Grand Scale

A book order of our department produced a curiosity which none of the library staff had ever seen before. The volume delivered had the

cover of the book we asked for, but within was an altogether different book. That had to be sent back; otherwise the publishers would never had believed it.

Got a "kick" this week in the receipt of an autographed copy of "A Study of Book-reviewing" (書評 研究) by Hsiao Ch'ien, one of our last year's graduates, now literary editor of the Ta Kung Pao. The book, which is published by the Commercial Press in its series of text books (百科小叢書), is almost verbatim from the author's graduation thesis, and therein is the special interest for me. I have advised seniors previously whose theses were written in Chinese but only in general terms concerning the content. Others have passed upon them in detail in preparation. In this instance every page had been read aloud to me and discussed by Mr. Hsiao. We felt safe in leaving the matter of Chinese style entirely to him, since he has supported himself from Junior Middle Schools days on by his pen.

#### Too Bad to Preclude That Book

I shall try to recall my pleasure in getting that little volume in the future whenever I am inclined to feel that there is an overproduction in the book-publishing business. Nevertheless I can't help feeling that the academic emphasis upon publishing is on the whole undesirable. We wouldn't have to toss many volumes to the flames in those proposed periodic burnings if only those would write books who were under an internal compulsion that would not be denied. It is an everlasting pity that so large a proportion of books are not born; they are fabricated.

———V.N.

#### Ma Chien Returns From South China

Mr. Ma Chien is spending the holidays with his family. He has just returned from a trip to South China on behalf of the Yenching endowment campaign.

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#### Yenta Grads "Covering" Student Demonstrations

Most of the reports of the student demonstrations published in the Peiping Chronicle have been gathered and written by Mr. Norman Soong, graduate of Yenching in journalism of the class of 1934. He received his M.A. in journalism from the University of Missouri last June. The pictures of the events used by that paper were almost all taken by Mr. Soong.

Mr. F. Mc. Fisher, who is also a journalism alumnus of Yenching, is now correspondent of the United Press in Peiping, and has been very active in reporting student movements both for his agency abroad and in the U.P. services in China. Mr. Fisher is the only Westerner thus far to take an undergraduate degree in journalism at Yenching.

Mr. J. D. White, former member of the faculty in the department of journalism and former graduate student in Yenching, is in charge of the Associated Press bureau in Peiping during the fortnight's absence of Mr. H. J. Timperly. He is serving this year as a general assistant to Mr. Timperley in all phases of the latter's work.

#### Dr. P.C. Hau Visits Family

Dr. P.C. Hsü, who is spending a year's leave in rural work in Kiangsi, is visiting his family. He will preach at the University Service Sunday morning.

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#### Mr. Gideon Ch'en Home for Holidays

Mr. Gideon Ch'en, professor of economics who is spending a sabbatical leave in Japan, has returned home for the holiday season. He expects to return soon to Tokyo.

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